
Platting Standards Committee

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Description of Ordinances



**PLANNING &
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DEPARTMENT**

- **Chapter 26, Article VIII – Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinances:** Requires all persons developing new, and redeveloping existing buildings or property within the city, to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading facilities.
- **Chapter 33, Articles V and VI – Trees, Shrubs, and Screening Fences; Protection of Certain Trees:** Provides standards for planting trees, shrubs, and landscape buffers to beautify the city, and help protect trees along the streetscape.
- **Chapter 33, Articles VII – Historic Preservation:** Helps preserve historic structures, neighborhoods, and archeological sites. Regulates Houston’s historic landmarks, historic districts, and archeological sites. This ordinance stipulates the requirements for designating historic sites and governs development involving historic properties.
- **Chapter 42 – Subdivisions, Developments, and Platting:** Establishes the general rules and regulations governing plats, subdivisions, and development of land within the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction to promote the safe, orderly, and healthful development of the city.
- **Chapter 42, Article III, Divisions 3 & 4 – Special Minimum Lot Size and Building Line:** The Special Minimum Lot Size and Building Line ordinance programs provide neighborhoods the ability to opt into restrictions that go above and beyond the city’s current minimum standards, and are based on the current lot size and building line character of a given neighborhood.
- **Chapter 28, Article IV – Correctional Facilities:** Regulates the ownership, operation and maintenance of a correctional facility for the housing and rehabilitation or training of adults on parole, early or pre-release.
- **Chapter 28, Article VI – Location of Hotels:** Regulates the location of hotels, motels, and hostels within the city limits.
- **Chapter 28, Article VII – Hazardous Enterprises:** Regulates the construction, expansion and use of certain premises that constitute hazardous occupancies under the Building Code.
- **Chapter 28, Article X – Parking of Vehicles on Residential Property:** Regulates the parking of vehicles or equipment on unimproved surfaces in the front or side yard areas of a single-family residential lot.
- **Chapter 28, Article XVI – Regulation of Towers:** Protects residential neighborhoods by regulating the location of towers in the city limits.

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- **Chapter 29, Article III and IV – Manufactured Home Parks; Manufactured Home Subdivisions:** Regulates the location of manufactured homes, which include mobile homes and recreational vehicles within the city limits.
 - **Chapter 41 – Street Names and Site Addresses:** Codifies the City's role as the addressing authority within the city. It provides street naming and site addressing guidelines to enhance response capabilities of emergency dispatch services.